

More than 385 auto and vehicle-related companies have a presence in Georgia, employing over 55,400 people. Industry leaders include Robert Bosch, Bosal, Caterpillar, Collins & Aikman, Continental General Tire, Cooper Tire, Eaton Corp., H.P. Pelzer, Hayes Lemmerz, Honda of America, Johnson Controls, Lear Seats, Sanderson Industries, Siemens Automotive, Kautex Textron, TI Automotive, Timken Co., United Technologies, Tread Technologies, ZF Industries and ZUA Auto Parts.

Genuine Parts, the largest aftermarket distribution network in the world, is headquartered in Atlanta. Distribution facilities for Advance Auto Parts, Auto Zone, Johnson Industries, Robert Bosch, Pep Boys and Hella are also located in Georgia. ■

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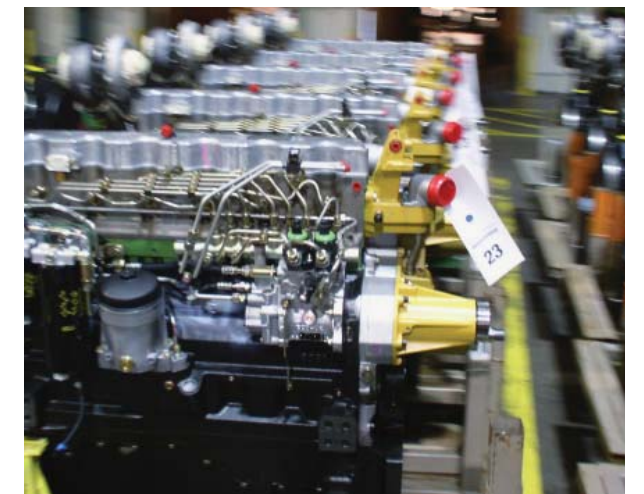
In the automobile industry's increasingly competitive and global market, Georgia's integrated transportation infrastructure, network of professional suppliers and steady stream of trained workers position the state as a major player.

Georgia auto companies and suppliers can quickly and efficiently ship their products to markets across the globe via the state's integrated logistics network. A world-class airport, extensive rail and highway systems and the bustling international seaports of Brunswick and Savannah connect the region to consumers throughout North America and the world.

Here are just a few of Georgia's transportation assets:

- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is a leading air cargo carrier, handling more than 738,000 tons of cargo in 2006.
- The Savannah and Brunswick deepwater ocean ports are major domestic and international shipping centers. The Brunswick port is the fourth-largest automotive processing port on the U.S. east coast, and managed more than 368,000 vehicle and heavy machinery units in 2006.
- Eighty-three percent of all U.S. auto assembly plants are within 13 highway hours of Georgia.
- The state has a 4,700-mile rail network and 130,000 miles of public roads.

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Georgia's integrated transportation infrastructure, network of professional suppliers and steady stream of trained workers position the state as a major player in the automotive industry.

In addition to the right production and distribution infrastructure, Georgia can supply the right people for the automotive industry. The state trains the highest quality workers for the highest quality products through programs such as the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education's Certified Manufacturing Specialist Program and the state's nationally-recognized Quick Start program.

As an automotive industry leader for almost 100 years, Georgia has vast knowledge and deep experience. Ford Motor Co. began building automobiles in the state in 1909, and General Motors followed in 1947. The tradition of automotive excellence and workforce expertise these plants and their suppliers established will be perpetuated when Kia Motors opens its first U.S. automotive facility in the state in early 2009. Kia chose Georgia for its talented, dedicated and available workforce; world-class transportation infrastructure; the top state-sponsored employee

training program in the country, and internationally-respected pro-growth business climate. Georgia's commitment to cultivating innovation also helped the state win the project.

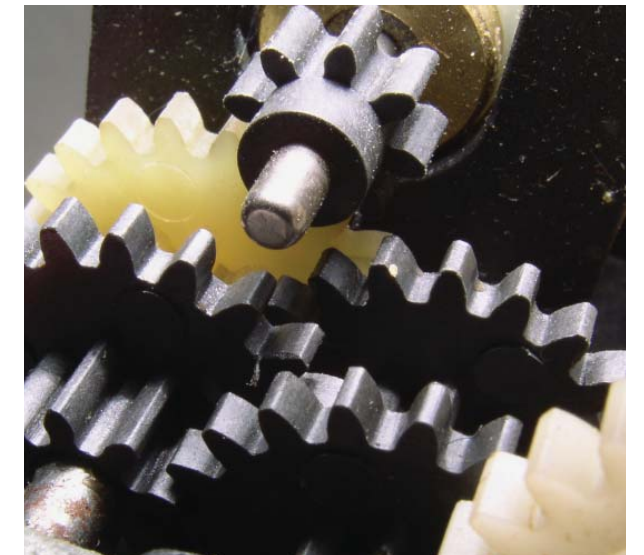
The Korean auto maker's \$1.2 billion investment will add to the strength and resources of the automotive and related industries in Georgia by creating some 2,800 jobs for the state, including an additional 2,600 supplier jobs.

Automotive assembly plants have been a major contributor to the Georgia economy for decades, producing, in 2005, more than 392,000 passenger vehicles. Although the Ford and GM plants closed in 2006 as part of the companies' business realignments, their lasting presence in the state has fostered healthy industry practices and a skilled workforce that produces world-class cars and parts.



According to the 2005 Rankings Report by *Business Facilities* magazine, a leading trade publication, Georgia ranks seventh as a U.S. automotive power center. Publisher Ward's Communications also named Georgia ninth in total light vehicle production, seventh in cars and eighth in trucks in the United States.

More than 50 automotive companies have located their North American headquarters in Atlanta, including Saab, Porsche, Lotus, BBS, Hella and Daewoo. In addition, automotive manufacturers including Saab, Jaguar, Land Rover, Mercedes-Benz,



Mitsubishi, Toyota, Hyundai, Porsche, Saturn and Volvo are represented in the state.

Georgia's homegrown automotive companies are also paving the way in the industry. Panoz Motor Sports Group, headquartered in Braselton, is the nation's premier small-volume manufacturer of limited production, high-performance automobiles.

Blue Bird, the world's largest school bus maker, also is headquartered in Georgia. Founded in 1927, Blue Bird has set the industry standard for excellence in the school bus and motor coach markets.